REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-10 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner stated that the preamble of the claims states "A sand-belt finishing machine...", but the body of the claim limits "at least one grinding device...". It is not clear if the grinding device is a sand belt, or if it is some other device. Applicant shows a grinding belt device in the figures, but not specifically describe, or claim, that the grinding device is a grinding belt.

Further, the Examiner also stated that the applicant limits both a "propeller shaft" and a separately a "shaft", but it cannot be determined in later recitations of "a shaft" or "the shaft" which structure is being further limited.

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action.

Responsive to this, the claims are amended according to the Examiner's instruction and suggestion.

Therefore, it is believed that, by the amendments, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be removed and the claims 1-10 should be

allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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